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1. During World War II, the airport in Kromeriz served as a training airfield for the German Air Force. In 1945 the airport was taken over by the local Aeroclub in Kromeriz. In 1948, on the occasion of the celebration of "100 years of Czech Life in Kromeriz", the airport in Kromeriz became the regular airport for civilian air transport. Now the airport serves only the local Aeroclub in Kromeriz.

2. The airport is located on the left side of the single-track railroad Kromeriz--Brno and on the right bank of the Morava River, southwest of Kromeriz in an area called "Hraza".

3. Visibility is not too good because of frequent fogs.

4. The surface is covered with grass; the area of the airport is marked with red and white signs. Size of the airfield is approximately 1000 x 500 meters.

5. The surface is dry and the field is suitable for landing also during heavy rains. The control tower is made of wood, 4 x 4 x 10 meters. The tower is not in use now, as a matter of fact it was only in use during 1948 for the regular air transport. At that time it had radio equipment. The tower is located in the northern part of the airfield near the hangar. A wind direction bag was fixed on the tower.

6. There are several obstacles within the radius of five kilometers: On the northern side of the airport are the buildings of Kromeriz; on the eastern side is the Morava River. Within the radius of 20 kilometers, on the northern side, are the so called "Hostynske Vrchy" (Hostyn Hills) with the highest peak, Javornik, 865 meters high.

7. There is a wooden hangar, 40 x 20 x 8 meters, at the airport. In the hangar are airplanes and gliders owned by the Aeroclub in Kromeriz. When the airport is used, there are patrols of the National Security Corps (SNB); otherwise there are only members of the Aeroclub on duty here.

8. I have no information concerning flight control. The airport does not have any antiaircraft defenses, search lights, or radio.

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9. The airport is accessible by a field road from the city of Kromeriz, located along the right bank of the Morava River. The road is four meters wide, steam-rolled.

10. The size of the airport as well as of the hangar are only estimates since I visited the airport in the [redacted] for the last time.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Sketch of the Civilian Airport in Kromeriz with legend.

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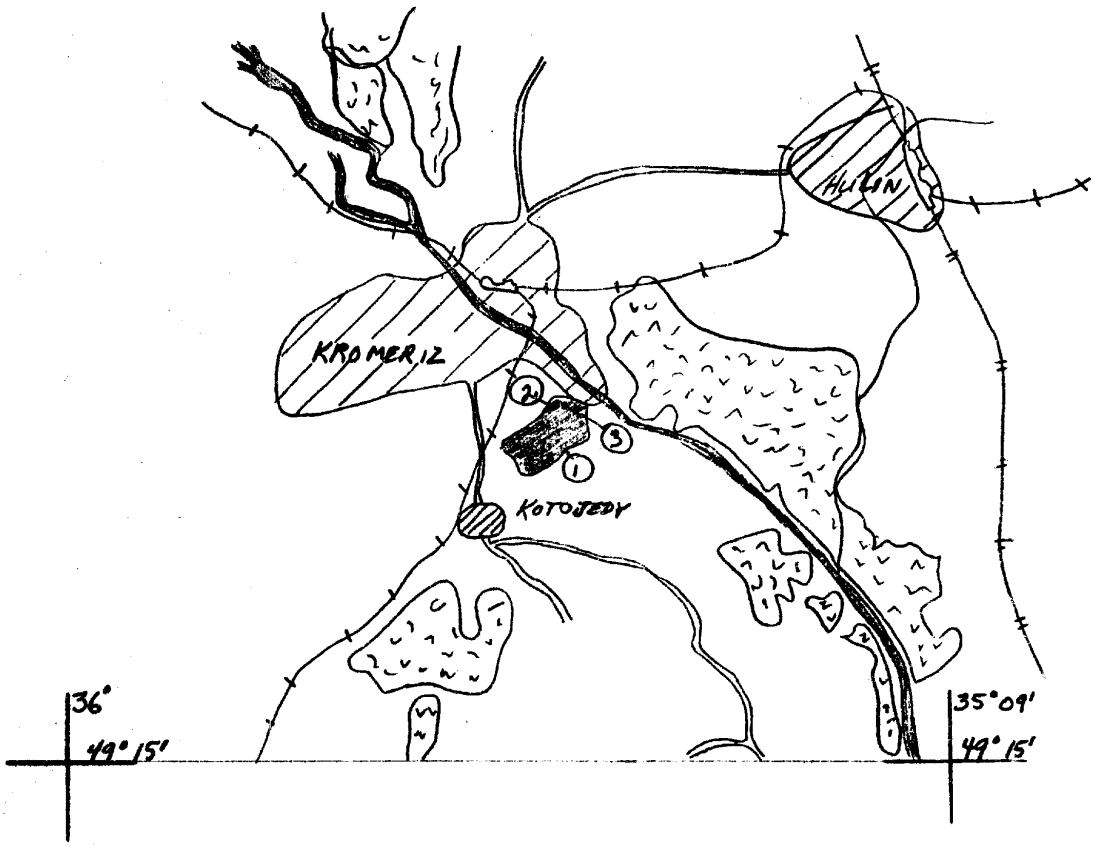
ENCLOSURE (A)

CIVILIAN AIRPORT IN KROMERIZ



Legend

1. Airport area, approximately 1000 x 500 meters.
2. A wooden hangar, 40 x 20 meters.
3. Control Tower, 10 meters high, made of wood.

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